

ETERNITY'S VALUES IN VIEW

2 Cor. 4:13-18

2 Cor 4:7 Treasure -good News of Jesus Christ. Like inexpensive clay oil lamps we can shine out the Good News in a very brilliant manner.

2 Cor 4: 8-12 Paul explains times of crisis that almost broke his clay pot ... Christ sustained him through it all.

2 Cor 4:13 We have same spirit or attitude of faith like David Ps.116:10 *Notice "spirit"* little "s". ...inner man.

Maturing believer --spiritual sense about him...faith from deep within

Function of spirit:

- Discernment
- Guilt
- Conviction
- Test good and evil. (Heb.5:14).

Ps. 116 David saying thankful to God because God delivered from death.

Psa 116:3 -10

Connection between believing and speaking. Spirit of faith manifested by willingness to speak out for Christ.

Believing and speaking two important aspects of salvation. Rom 10:9-10

When person truly believes --will always attach confession with his mouth that Jesus is Lord.

No such thing as an inarticulate, unexpressive, speechless Christian.

Denney, Everyone who has faith has a witness to bear to God

2 Cor 4:14 Because Jesus lives we will also live.

Afraid to die? Why afraid to live for Christ?

Not afraid to live for Christ because death issue taken care of by resurrection of Christ. I Cor. 15:20-23; Phil 2:16; 1 Th 2:19

...and shall present us with you. Jesus is alive and will one day stand beside us in presentation to God the Father. Col 1:22,38

2 Cor 4:15 That the abundant grace (supernatural and superabundant power of God) *through* (by means of) *the thanksgiving of many* (giving of thanks and praise by many) *redound* (be more than enough, exceed) *to the glory of God* (to the giving honor and dignity) *to God*.

Mac: *The Lord's servants bathe their hearts and souls in the light of God's glory reflected in the face of Jesus Christ. They then selflessly reflect that majestic glory to others so that they can be saved and worship God.*

2 Cor 4:16... outward man (flesh, external physical being) is constantly getting worse (Perish; rot thoroughly, ruin ; decay utterly, , destroy)

Hughes: "Our mortal frame is undergoing decay and moving towards the grave."

... inward man (hidden man of heart, real Christian ...behind scenes; internal; real relationship with God) **is being renewed** (revived, restored) **day by day** (consistently, on a daily basis).

Roy Lessin: *The Father's voice keeps you moving, the coming of HIS kingdom keeps you marching, and the glory of His keeps you longing for home.*

We Faint not. Lose ; back off service for God.

Wiersbe: *What does it matter if the "outward person" is perishing, so long as the "inward person" is experiencing daily spiritual ?*

2 Cor 4:...light affliction, ... but for a moment,

Our easy and momentary tribulations and troubles are only for a moment in the whole scheme of eternity. They are only a "slight distress of the passing hour".

Worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; Trials produce in us/result in a blessing that far surpasses anything we can .

Eternities values in view.

affliction—exceeding and eternal weight of glory

But for a —eternal weight of glory

Appearance to us: present trials working against us.

Actually, they are working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

2 Cor 4:18 While we look not at the things which are seen (we don't fix our gaze upon or concentrate upon), **but at the things which are not seen:** (Our focus , attention, vision is not at things going on in daily life. These things temporary, brief, and fleeting. My focus on eternal, things not visible to naked eye) **for the things which are seen are temporal** (last only short time); **but the things which are not seen are eternal** (I must see the joys to in the presence of my Saviour when I get to Heaven.) Heb 11:1